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The wrong issues are being focused on. And in fact the accused group isn't the most important one committing a crime.

Microsoft has been found to have broken many laws, and when it has lost in court it has continued breaking those same laws in complete disregard for its judgments. That makes it a CRIMINAL ORGANIZATION. Just like the mafia. But while the US government tries to take away business from the mafia, limit their income, and put them in jail, Microsoft is given nothing but a slap on the wrist. The proposed judgments against Microsoft are barely even that. Criminals in the government have intentionally allowed their crimes to go unpunished, and are as guilty as they are. Who committed the greater crime: the company committing the act, or the politicians and judges allowing it to occur? The mafia is a small player in comparison to the big industries given free reign in the US today.

Microsoft's crimes are merely a symptom of the underlying problem: corrupt politicians and judges at state and federal levels. That Microsoft is guilty is undisputed. They have been proven criminals again and again in court since twenty years ago. While corrupt politicians and judges take their bribes and look the other way, it will never stop. The events at Enron are also symptoms of this corruption of our political system. How many politicians have received enormous amounts of money from them over the years? And from how many other corporations?

Microsoft has done nothing legal to earn their fortunes. Were it not for their illegal, monopolistic actions, the company probably wouldn't even exist today. Anything useful they have was copied or stolen from superior competitors. But it's the fact that the government has done nothing to stop them that is the truly heinous crime:

1. Microsoft blatantly stole Apple's interface design. It was proven in court. Their penalty: none. They were even allowed to continue using it. The result: Apple is smaller each day, despite their innovative efforts. Bribery in our political system, nothing more.
2. Through the 80's, and until 1994, the Justice Department allowed Microsoft to openly extort a payment (bribe) for every PC sold, whether it included any of their software or not. When it finally ended in 1994, their penalty was: none. Corrupt politicians and judges again.
3. It was proven in court that Microsoft broke the law when they

started giving away Internet Explorer, to drive Netscape out of business. Their penalty: nothing significant. And they are still giving it away. Corruption in politics and in court, all over again. Will it never end?

Bill Gates' illegally-earned personal fortune is probably far bigger than any mafia crime family's, and the US government is doing nothing serious about it. And it's only a fraction of the money earned by Microsoft executives. Any politician or judge who isn't against Microsoft would have to be on their payroll, considering the magnitude of their crimes. Those politicians are probably the same people who have been on Enron's payroll for all of these years (you know who you are, and retribution against you will come). Microsoft is merely a little fish in a big pond.

Proposal: a new independent task force which puts corrupt politicians and judges in jail, focusing on those who received money from Microsoft and Enron. In fact, the only way that would ever happen impartially is by including representatives from England and Germany and France and other countries who didn't receive such bribes (otherwise the appointees to the task force will be biased like always; of course I'm assuming they haven't been likewise compromised). Then we'll worry about Microsoft. While the political system is corrupt, a fair judgment against Microsoft or any other criminal organization will never occur. As long as Bill Gates and the other Microsoft executives are billionaires (or even millionaires), justice has not been served.

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